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## Sharon plans two new major highways in territories

DAVID HARRIS

CONSTRUCTION of two new roads in the territories will begin before the end of the year, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon announced yesterday.

The first project will link Ben-Shimon, near Ben-Gurion Airport, with Atarot Airport, just north of Jerusalem.

Initially, the Public Works Department will construct a 10-kilometer divided highway between Givat Ze'ev and Atarot, at a cost of some NIS 100 million. The road will eventually be linked with Jerusalem's Route 4, currently under construction, and will serve as another entrance to the city.

The second road will extend Route 5 eastward from Rosh Ha'ayin to Ariel, via Elkana. The 20-km. road, which will cost NIS 70m., will replace the existing narrow, winding road, on which there have been several serious accidents. This highway will link up with the new Trans-Israel Highway at the Kessem Interchange.

The statutory process for construction of the two projects was completed some time ago, and some initial work on Route 5 was done four years ago.

The PWD, which is now part of the National Infrastructure Ministry, is waiting to hear if it will receive the funding from the government to begin the tender process.

"We are already able to begin work," said PWD spokesman Meir Gazit. "We hope to get the budget very soon."

The plans were roundly condemned by MK Avraham Shohat, who described them as "investments for political ends."

"The writing is on the wall," he said. "This government will cause a retreat from the Negev and Galilee and will put its resources once again into Judea and Samaria."

"The carnivore is starting afresh. This step has deep political significance with destructive budgetary implications," Liat Collins adds.

Environment Ministry Director-General Nehama Ronen said she would meet with representatives of the PWD and the National Infrastructure Ministry to hear about road building plans in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza.

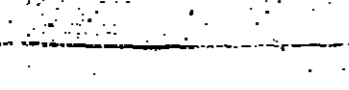
Ronen stressed the importance of widening existing roads rather than building new ones, and of ensuring the least possible damage to the environment. She noted the work would be taking place in environmentally sensitive areas.

## Gal Friedman captures bronze

GAL Friedman won Israel's first 1996 Olympic medal yesterday by capturing the bronze in the Mistral windsurfing event.

The 21-year-old held off a challenge by New Zealand's Aaron McIntosh to become the country's third-ever medal winner, joining 1992 judokas Yehi Arad (silver) and Oren Smadja (bronze).

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An archeologist holds a 3,200-year-old bronze god figurine, the largest of its kind ever found. It was unearthed during the dig at Tel Hatzor.

## Archeologists find clue to Canaanite kingdom archives

THE discovery in recent weeks of four cuneiform tablets at Hatzor may point to the location of one of the most sought-after archaeological treasures in the country — the royal archives of the great Canaanite kingdom that dominated the North in the centuries preceding the arrival of the Israelites.

Prof. Amnon Ben-Tor, who is this week completing his seventh season of excavations at Hatzor, told a press conference

### ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

yesterday that the 400-year-span separating two of the cuneiform tablets from the other two may point to two separate archives — one from the Middle Bronze Age (2000 TO 1600 BCE) and one from the Late Bronze Age (1600-1200 BCE).

"We have not found the archives," stressed Ben-Tor, rebutting press reports over the weekend that they had been

found. "But we found indications of the existence of two archives."

The tablets were found inside the royal palace, atop the tel where the royal archives would be expected to be.

In past years, four other cuneiform tablets were found scattered on the tel. Ben-Tor said that he had decided not to press in his search for the archive despite its apparent proximity, since the excavation must end as planned this week.

## Settlers optimistic after meeting PM

SETTLEMENT leaders emerged optimistic from their first meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday, despite his failure to make any concrete promises.

However, most are reserving final judgment until they see whether his words will be followed by deeds.

More than 20 members of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria attended the hour-long meeting, including leaders of several secular settlements who announced last week that they were quitting the council. The latter were brought back to the fold by the flat refusal of Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, to grant them a separate meeting.

Council members raised a number of issues of concern to them:

- Lifting the building freeze imposed by the previous government;
- Expanding existing settlements — including the Jewish community in Hebron — and the construction of new ones;
- Preventing an IDF redeployment in Hebron;
- Stopping illegal Arab building in the territories;
- Permitting caravans to be moved freely from one settlement to another;
- Finishing the bypass roads;
- Canceling the administrative orders which restrict the movements of right-wing Jewish activists;
- Holding Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat to the agreements he has signed.

"For me, this is the beginning of a period — after four very difficult years of discrimination and deprivation — in which not only will the [discrimination] be rectified, but there will be significant growth," said council chairman Pinchas Wallerstein afterward.

Others, however, were more cautious.

"Right now I'm in a waiting stance," Kiryat Arba Mayor Zvi Katzover said. "After the prime minister has studied the matter, then I'll be able to say whether I'm disappointed or happy."

Council spokesman Yehiel Leiter said the group emerged

### EVELYN GORDON

from the meeting fairly confident that the building freeze, at least, would be lifted soon.

In contrast, he said, the council was somewhat disappointed by Netanyahu's stand on redeployment in Hebron: That he is committed to honoring all agreements signed by the previous government, if Arafat honors his side.

Right now, Arafat is still in flagrant violation of certain parts of the agreement, Leiter noted.

However, Netanyahu is, in principle, willing to leave if these violations are fixed, he said.

Settlement leaders noted that while Netanyahu made no concrete promises, he did give one concrete piece of advice: Loud declarations to the press can sometimes sabotage the actual implementation of plans.

Peace Now, meanwhile, charged that despite the lack of concrete promises, the government is already working to increase the settlements — for instance, via National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's decision to build a new road there.

## Central bank lowers key rate

### Netanyahu: I have full faith in Frenkel

THE Bank of Israel yesterday trimmed its key lending rate by 70 basis points to 16.3 percent, citing increasing indications of stabilizing money supply and reduced inflationary expectations.

The interest rate reduction — the first after eight months of a steadfast and highly contentious tight-money policy led by Governor Jacob Frenkel — was met with mixed feelings among Frenkel's rivals, and welcomed by Tel Aviv's financial markets.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the cut reflected indications that the battle against inflation is bearing fruit. Netanyahu dismissed demands by various business circles that Frenkel's recently approved appointment for a second five-year term be reconsidered, and said he has "full faith" in Frenkel.

Frenkel himself was cautious in his assessment of his long-standing battle against inflation. "Veteran warriors know there is no bigger danger than declaring victory prematurely," he said.

He added it would be a mistake to see the cut as a "U-turn," saying it merely reflects the state of inflationary pressures at a given time.

There is a good chance now that inflation for the remainder of this year will be lower than the 15% annual rate that prevailed during the first seven months of the year, but should the indicators take a different course, rates might have to be raised again, he said.

Meanwhile, the leading commercial banks said they will reduce the prime rate to 17.8%, from 18.5%, beginning on

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Thursday. No change was announced in the rest of the components. In keeping with this decision, the maximum interest on approved credit at the banks will be 22.3% and the interest on excess credit will be 23.8% at Bank Leumi, First International Bank, and United Mizrahi Bank, 23.6% at Discount, and 23.4% at Bank Hapoalim.

On the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, the Two-Sided Index jumped by 3.74%, while turnover reached NIS 100 million. However, traders said yesterday's improved results may also reflect a technical correction after 11 days of continuous declines.

The debt market also picked up, especially shekel-linked bonds, which registered purchase orders of NIS 115m., while Treasury bills attracted orders of NIS 313m. Traders said the Bank of Israel's introduction of the "security net" mechanism, in which the central bank buys surplus state bonds, has helped boost the market.

"The market's main problem remains confidence," said Dan Kiri, a broker for Bank Otzar Hahayal. "It takes only a few minutes to destroy market confidence, but building it takes time."

The Association, which has led the business lobby for cheaper money and has frequently attacked Frenkel personally, said the rate cut was insufficient and should have been 3%.

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz welcomed the cut and said

he hopes the next cost-of-living index is low enough to allow the central bank a further reduction in the price of credit.

In the Knesset, coalition members welcomed the cut. Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz said the fact that the cut is slightly deeper than the predicted 0.5% would give an important psychological boost to the market.

"We're going in the right direction," he said. "From the point of view of the amount of money flowing into the market, this is insufficient, but from the point of view of psychology, it will do the job."

Silvan Shalom (Likud), who heads the coalition on the committee, also praised the move, saying it will remind investors that interest rates, just like stock prices, can fall as well as rise.

The next step, Shalom said, is to implement budget cuts, which would lower inflation and enable further rate cuts. The Finance Committee is to discuss NIS 350 million in planned cuts for 1996 today, and Shalom said he expects these to pass easily. "But unlike the 1995 cuts, which will pass tomorrow with the support of all coalition members, there is great opposition among coalition members to the [NIS 4.9 billion] cut planned for 1997," he warned.

In contrast, MK Avraham Shohat, who heads the opposition on the committee, said the cut was too slim to repair the "enormous damage" which he charged Frenkel's previous 1.5% rate hike had caused.

"But apparently, the governor understood the gravity of his error, and tried to rectify it this month," he said.

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# Kedmi: Publicity harms CIS orphan aliyah



Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein (far left) visits a group of children brought here from Chernobyl at Kfar Habad yesterday. (Yitzhak Ehrman/Scop 80)

**PUBLICITY** regarding a secret project to bring orphaned children here from the CIS has placed the future of the program in doubt, Ya'acov Kedmi, head of the Prime Minister's Office Liaison Bureau (Nativ) reportedly told a meeting of the Knesset's Immigration and Absorption Committee yesterday.

**LIAT COLLINS**

Committee chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal noted that the authorities in the CIS had demanded secrecy as a condition for the project. She said the future of the project is now in doubt, but she would do her best to ensure it continues.

The project, carried out by Nativ and the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, was revealed in *Ha'areztz* last Wednesday, in a story that claimed some of the children had been brought without consent and were not being adequately provided for here. So far, 116 children under 15 have been brought here as part of the project, which has been running for two-and-a-half years. The children are all eligible for Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return and are either orphans or from dysfunctional families.

"We have heard of the conditions these children lived in there. As adults, they could say they want to come to Israel, but what can a six-year old who is living in the streets do? One child was found on the streets having spent three days next to his mother's body. Should we have asked him: 'Do you want to exercise your right to come to Israel?' I'll do everything to make sure that this child has a better life," Blumenthal said.

Most of the children are now in state-run boarding schools.

Ministry officials rejected claims that the children are not receiving adequate health care and insisted that everything about the project was completely legal.

MKs Sofia Landver (Labor) and Marina Solodkin (Yisrael Ba'aliyah), both originally from the former Soviet Union, stressed the poor physical, social, and psychological conditions the children suffered in the CIS. Landver demanded legal action against those responsible for publishing the story and endangering the project.

MK Michael Kleiner (Likud) demanded that sensitive stories of immigration projects be censored.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, on the other hand, said the secrecy is in itself detrimental, as such stories almost inevitably leak out and the consequences are worse than if the project had been run openly.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### 'Yediot' publisher questioned again by police

*Yediot Aharonot* publisher Arnon Mozes was questioned further yesterday by police in connection with the media wiretapping case. The paper's building manager, Haim Rosenberg, was also summoned for questioning, after being released from house arrest on Sunday. The two were questioned intensively last week.

Mozes is suspected of commissioning, via Rosenberg and others, taps on phones and faxes. Rosenberg is also suspected of suborning witnesses and disrupting the police investigation. Mozes was first questioned last year, but his investigation was put on hold until corroborating evidence could be obtained. *Raine Marcus*

### Channel 2 boosts signal in Jerusalem

Thousands of Jerusalemites, who until now could only get Channel 2 broadcasts via the cable companies, can now get direct reception, with the inauguration of the Second Television and Radio Authority's (STRA) newest transmitter atop the Shalom Hotel. The city center, Mevasseret Zion, and southern neighborhoods can now receive the transmissions on channel 36. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and STRA general manager Nahman Shai will officially launch the new transmitter in a ceremony today. *Helen Kaye*

### Dell: Schools should pay for copied material

Education Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell has instructed schools and local councils not to collect money from pupils for copied material. He noted that it has been ministry policy for the past two years to pay for such materials. Dell said that the ministry would transfer the funds this week to the local councils and that the money would soon reach the schools. *Tim*

### Levy-Agron honored by Education Ministry

Dance pioneer Hasia Levy-Agron has been named the first recipient of the Education Minister's Prize for Life Achievement in Dance. A seventh-generation Jerusalemite, Levy-Agron studied dance with Gertrude Kraus and Martha Graham, among others. She established and heads the dance faculty of the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance and was named professor of dance in 1978. *Helen Kaye*

### Ya'acov Alperon returns to prison

Ya'acov Alperon, who was released on parole from Sharon Prison last Thursday, returned yesterday to serve two-and-a-half more years. The High Court of Justice ruled on Sunday that the parole board had erred in releasing him, given his lengthy criminal record. He will be allowed to reapply for parole in one year. *Tim*

### Army ordered to justify benefit refusal

The High Court of Justice has given the IDF 45 days to justify its refusal to grant the homosexual lover of a deceased officer the benefits normally given families to enable them to memorialize their loved ones. The show-cause order was issued in response to a petition by Adir Steiner, who lived with Col. Doron Meisel for seven years, until the latter's death in 1991. *Evelyn Gordon*

### Klezmer festival opens in Safed

Dozens of klezmer artists from Israel and abroad gathered in Safed yesterday for the opening of the Ninth Annual Klezmer Festival. The festival will be accompanied by events for children and a food fest featuring the menus of different ethnic groups. Thousands are expected to attend the three-day event. All entrances to Safed will be closed to private vehicles as of 5 p.m. and public transportation will be provided to the events. *Tim*

## Heavy security planned for Arad Festival

**RAINE MARCUS**

SOME 1,000 policemen, Civil Guard volunteers, and other security personnel will ensure maximum safety for the thousands expected to attend this year's Arad Festival, Negev police chief Dep.-Cmdr. Dudi Cohen said yesterday. "We have learned all the lessons, one by one, and studied all the conclusions reached by committees after last year's disaster," said Cohen. The festival is scheduled for next Tuesday through Thursday.

Last year, three teenagers were killed during a stampede at one of the festival's concerts. Following the tragedy, several police officers resigned or were transferred, and various committees were set up to examine the circumstances of the incident. Police questioned scores of people, including organizers, impresarios, and security companies, but no charges have been brought.

"We have appointed inspectors to supervise each event, and there will be 460 regular policemen on duty each day, apart from other security forces, to give parents sending their children, and the teenagers themselves, a feeling of security," said Cohen. "We have taken into account every possible scenario and are prepared for everything." Festival organizers will operate an information hot-line. While police will concentrate on security, Cohen stressed that they will also crack down on drug use and dealing.

## Minor blast damages NYC synagogue

**MARILYN HENRY  
NEW YORK**

A SMALL device, possibly potent firecrackers, exploded in front of a Queens synagogue Saturday night, blasting a hole in the building's heavy wooden doors, New York newspapers reported yesterday. No one was injured.

Police had no suspects yesterday, and had not classified the incident at the Queensboro Hill Jewish Center as a bias crime, according to newspaper accounts.

The synagogue has not received any threats. But the center has been vandalized several times in the last few years, the newspapers reported.

Vandals have thrown rocks through windows of an adjoining building that houses a kindergarten, have painted graffiti on walls, and previously entered the building after breaking the locks on the same doors damaged Saturday night.

## Jordanian airline denied Amman-Haifa route

**HAIM SHAPIRO**

TRANSPORT Minister Yitzhak Levy yesterday rejected Royal Jordanian Airline's request to fly between Haifa and Amman.

The airline has been pressing to fly to Haifa and to begin flights between Ben-Gurion Airport and Akaba. Levy said, however, that he has no intention of adding any flights between Israel and Jordan, particularly since flights between Ben-Gurion and Amman are not fully booked.

Levy also said that Civil Aviation Authority head Menahem Sharon is trying to find a solution to the issue of flight routes. At present, Royal

Jordanian is forced to land from the west, thus tripling its flying time.

Meanwhile, the ministry has altered its position on the projected joint Israeli-Jordanian airport that is to serve both Eilat and Akaba. In the past, the ministry had given such a facility its unqualified approval, but it now says that the joint airport should not replace the Eilat Airport.

The ministry now proposes that the joint airport have its airfield in Jordan and two terminals, one in each country, with the Israeli ter-

minal serving international flights destined for Eilat. Local flights, however, would continue to land in Eilat itself.

In a related matter, the ministry noted that the bus route between Tel Aviv and Amman has proved a resounding success, with full buses on Sunday and Thursday and almost-full buses on other days. Given this, the Dan bus cooperative, which has the concession, has decided to use larger and more luxurious vehicles on the route.

According to the ministry, most of the passengers are Israeli Jews taking a short vacation in Jordan or Israeli Arabs visiting family.

## Judge stops construction on Haifa project

**LIAT COLLINS**

A HAIFA District Court judge yesterday issued a stop-work order against the construction of the Carmel Beach Towers luxury apartment complex. The decision followed a suit filed by the Israel Union for Environmental Defense (IUED), against the Haifa planning and construction commission and the project's developers.

IUED claimed the multi-tower complex is being built in violation of building permits received by the developers, which allow for limited construction of tourism facilities, whereas the project includes the construction of several high-rise towers being sold as con-

dominiums. The towers will block the view of the Mediterranean and violate beach conservation statutes by being too close to the shore, the IUED said.

Judge Dan Bein handed down a stop-work order which will be in effect until the final decision on the suit. He ruled that all work on the complex must stop, except on the first tower, which is near completion.

In his decision, Bein wrote that the question of whether the construction is in accordance with the approved plan or radically different is

a serious one which must be decided by the court. He added that it appears that there is merit to the IUED's claim.

Conservationists praised the decision, noting it is the first time construction has been halted on such a large project.

"The court's decision is an important message to the violators of environmental laws," said IUED director Daniel Fisch.

Sammy Chayen, a spokesman for the organization, called on the Haifa City Council "not to miss the fantastic opportunity to try and mend the harm to the Carmel Beach by rezoning the area."

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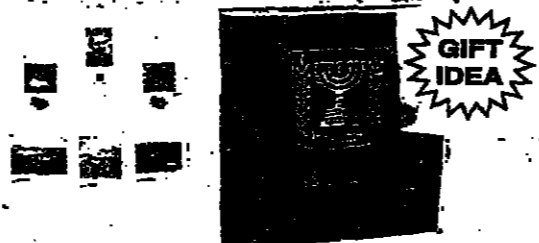
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## Godfather of grunge stays forever Young

**BROKEN ARROW**  
Neil Young (Red Arta) FOLLOWING a decade in the Eighties trying to and discarding musical styles like dirty clothes, Neil Young has apparently grown comfortable with his media-coined "godfather of grunge" role.

For the better part of the Nineties (except for a Harvest-like diversion on *Harvest Moon* and an acoustic career overview on *Unplugged*), Young has returned to his hard-rocking dark side, which first came to the fore on 1969's *Everybody Knows This is Nowhere*.

Whether joining forces with longtime collaborator Crazy Horse on *Ragged Glory* and *Sleep with Angels*, Pearl Jam on *Mirror Ball* or Booker T and the MGs on a world tour, Young has revealed in his role as the elder statesman who refuses to grow old, and in the process has produced some of the most passionate music of his career.

**IN TUNE**  
**DAVID BRINN**

backed by scorching band efforts: "Changing Highways," a clunky, yet endearing country-rock number; and the penultimate tune, "Music Arcade," a moving solo acoustic number which is among the best he's ever done.

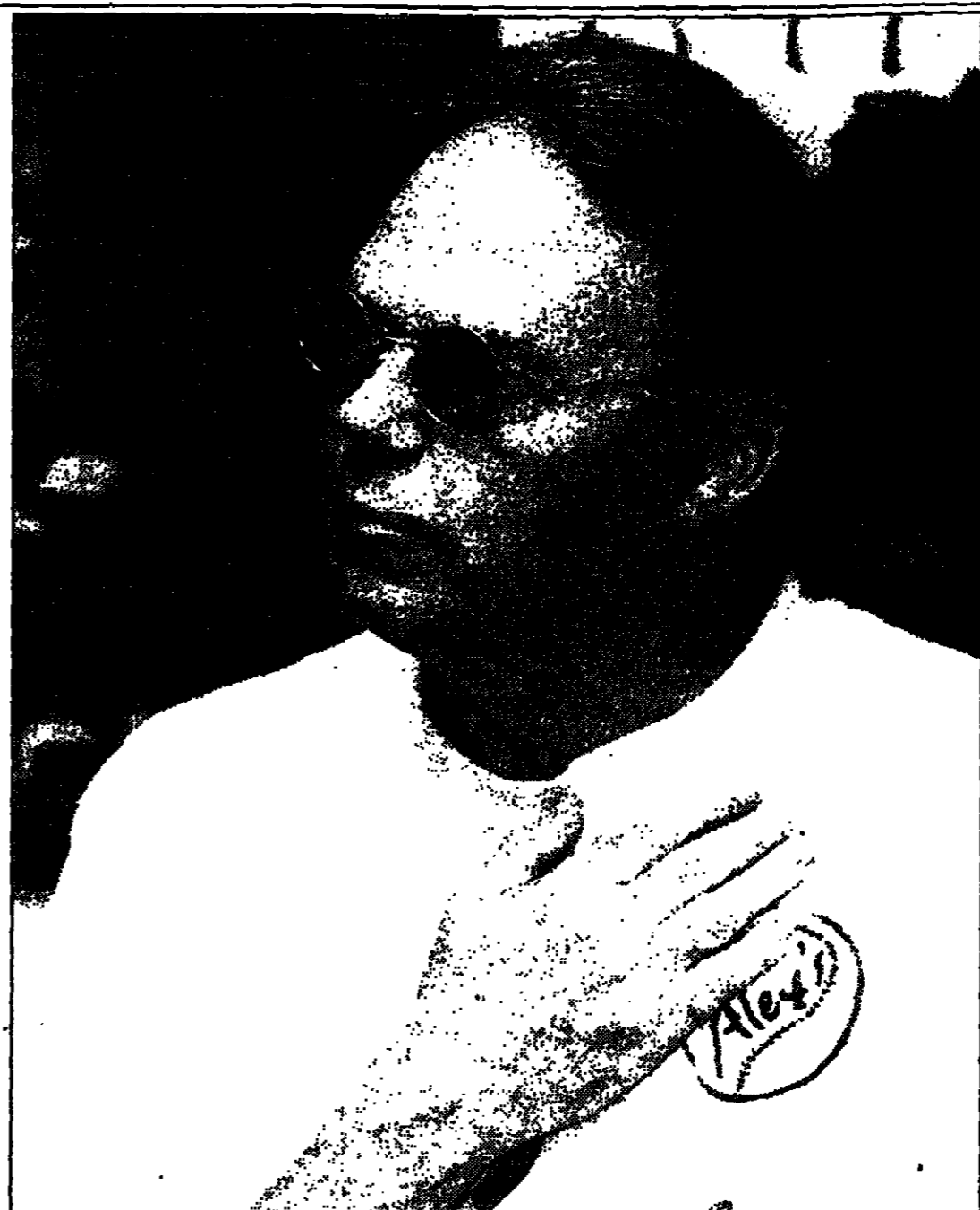
Unfortunately, the album closes with a lumbering eight-minute live version of Jimmy Reed's "Baby What Do You Want Me to Do," final proof that white boys have no business playing the blues.

**ODELAY**  
Beck (Heid Arta)  
If Woody Guthrie had come of age in the rap era, he may have sounded something like Beck. Not that Guthrie was ever as warped as Beck appears to be. Flying out of nowhere in 1994 with his debut *Mellow Gold*, the blond Californian rose to instant stardom with the giant hit "Loser" and its now immortal chorus "I'm a loser baby so why don't you kill me?" Using the kitchen-sink approach, Beck co-opted every style conceivable.

Dizzying in its diversity, the record shifts from the clanging industrial noise of "Devil's Haircut" to the almost angelic "Ramshackle" and "Jackass," to the laid-back country-rap of "Sissyneck."

**DRIVE ME CRAZY**  
Tony Ray and the Amja (NMC)  
The big conceptual problem on Tony Ray and the Amja's reggae release *Drive Me Crazy* lies in the inclusion of two classic Bob Marley tracks — "Is This Love" and "Waiting in Vain."

**MISSION IMPOSSIBLE — SOUND TRACK**  
Various Artists (Helicon)  
The sound track to this summer movie smash is notable only if you want to hear how U2 sound playing the kitschy theme to *Mission Impossible*.



Neil Young has returned to his hard-rocking dark side with a wholly convincing passion.

Clayton, and the results are predictably high tech. The rest of the sound track is hit or miss, with Nineties back-

ground gloss interspersed with top-rate material from The Cranberries, Massive Attack and Bjork.

I'm now waiting patiently for Bono's version of the theme to *Hawaii Five-O*.

## A fiddler on the route: Sony Records annoints klezmer

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

IN 1990, when Mirel Reznic got a phone call from Sony in France inviting him to participate in a recording with some of the greatest violinists in the world, he couldn't believe his ears.

"I thought someone was pulling my leg," said the klezmer and jazz musician who will be appearing twice this week at the klezmer festival in Safed.

But the call and the contract that followed were for real and Reznic is now featured on the double disc *Violin* along with the likes of Isaac Stern, Pinchas Zukerman, Stephane Grappelli, and Jean-Luc Ponty.

The path to the Sony deal started in 1976 when the then-21-year-old classical violinist immigrated to Israel from Romania. Within his first year here, Reznic met klezmer clarinetist extraordinaire Giora Feidman, and he found his true vocation. At the same time, Reznic vividly recalled his father's wish that his son never become a *Zigeuner*, a Gypsy musician.

Feidman arranged numerous concerts for his protegee in Jewish communities all over the world. "Then I realized that what I really liked was Thirties jazz and so I went to study in London for two years. During those years I studied as a Gypsy fiddler, and jazz with Stephane Grappelli, who taught me not only to improvise, but to improvise in an artistic manner."

Ever since, Reznic has clearly differentiated between Jewish music and jazz. Both are based on Gypsy melodies. "I created my very special style, in which classical music was not the goal but just the means. And the goal was to play soul music."

Reznic recalls that he grew up with the Gypsies of Transylvania. "At 12 I ran away from home. I heard [the Gypsies'] music and somehow it entered into my system. Then when I returned from London I realized that all this music is still in me."

It was only in 1985 that he began performing regularly in Israel. "His appearance at the klezmer festival will follow that of previous years — he has featured in this popular event every year since it began. Later in the month he leaves for an extensive tour of Brazil.

## Mehta takes the IPO on a trip through Vienna

THE Israel Philharmonic Orchestra presented two works by Richard Strauss in its Subscription Concert No. 9, conducted by Zubin Mehta.

any sharp edges even in the highest register, and heartwarming in the lower ones, expressed a rare degree of identification with the music. Her performance was superb.

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made one realize, 65 years after it was composed, just how modernist and innovative it is. Schiff released ferocious energies in the fast movements, and delicately highlighted and meditative, subtle movements in the slow one.

season then with a vivacious presentation of Lehar's sweet operetta *The Merry Widow*. Zubin Mehta led his orchestra with suave élan, easily drawing the warmth of the score from the IPO strings. It was a masterful reading and a first-rate performance of a piece never played before by the orchestra. And to make it all really click there was a first-rate ensemble of singers comprising several Israelis in minor roles and German and Austrian ones in the lead.

The story of the operetta is one of love and jealousy with a very happy ending. Actor Tuvia Tsafir, who was acting as a sort of emcee, provided the essence of the plot in a most humorous, albeit at times exaggerated, manner. Thanks to Tsafir, the audience could understand the plot in between the arias, ensembles and duets.

Edith Lienbacher and Sebastian Reinhaller were the sweet lovers Valenciennne and Camille, she married to an old man, he taking advantage of the situation. Both possess charming voices perfectly suited to the genre.

## New Pagnol production proves as appealing as a stale baguette

**MARIUS**

By Marcel Pagnol. Hebrew, Eli Melka. Adaptation, Yehoshua Kenz. Direction, Michael Gurwitsch. Set, Adrian Vau. Costumes, Edna Sobol. Music, Eran Dinar. Lighting, Felice Ross. At the Rovina Hall, Habimah National Theater. Hebrew title *Marius*.

**THEATER REVIEW**  
**NAOMI DOUDAJ**

authentic evocation of the famous Pagnol piece. This year Habimah has followed with a summer production of a second Pagnol play.

and perplexes their protective parents, is hopelessly outdated. Love, marriage and sex, in that order, romance the way it was yesterday, just doesn't have much relevance today.

## Modernity meets the baroque

**DANCE REVIEW**  
**DORA SOWDEN**

attempt any realism. She herself was a figure of tragedy in gesture and movement, with "Forces of Evil" and "Forces of Light" — four

figures in dark costuming, four in flowing white — created the mood and the menace.

The first half of the program was performed by the Classical Ballet Workshop of the Rubin Academy High School.

## Songs, books and comics vie for ACUM awards

**MARIUS**

Marius: Yvav Hayitt  
Cesar: Ze'ev Revah  
Puisse: Avrahama Mor  
Fanny: Avital Pinesman  
Ebonette: Rivka Gur

**HELEN KAYE**

ous music. A panel of judges will decide the recipient of four NIS 25,000 Life Achievement Awards for the composers of both light and serious music, a lyricist or librettist for light music, and an author.

will be for best video and, for the first time, for stand-up comedian of the year. Each will get NIS 15,000.

## Exciting dance in store at Tel Aviv center

**HOW** does one top Jiri Kujala, William Forsythe and Pina Bausch?

The season ends with more traditional classical ballet with the Vienna Staatsoper Ballet performing works by Kenneth MacMillan and Renato Zanella.

chased at the TAPAC box office. Michael Ajzenstadt

## TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15

The coming season, organized by the TAPAC in tandem with the private Multimedia impresario company, which is also responsible for the most successful Authentic early music series, opens in November with back-to-back presentations by two of

the most intriguing choreographers of our age.

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	CHARTS ON	ARTIST	TITLE
#1	1	3	VARIOUS ARTISTS	HITMAN 7
#2	2	19	SHLOMO ARTZI	TWO STATIONS IN TIME
#3	3	16	BITA	THE LETTER
#4	4	8	AVI GEFFEN	VOLUME 10
#5	5	10	VARIOUS ARTISTS	TRANSPOTTING
#6	NEW	1	FILM SOUND TRACK	THE SCORE
#7	6	7	FUGEES	OLDER
#8	8	12	GEORGE MICHAEL	DREAMLAND
#9	22	4	ROBERT MILES	JAGGED LITTLE PILL
#10	7	18	ALANIS MORISSETTE	GOLD
#11	23	3	ABBA	YOU ARE THE NIGHT TO ME
#12	17	8	BOAZ SHARAB	DREAMLAND
#13	11	20	BEST OF DREAM	FIESTA DE BOIBUMBA
#14	10	5	CARRAPICHO	FIESTA MACARENA
#15	9	10	LOS DEL RIO	

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THE PRAGUE PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

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Eva Santana - Soprano  
Denyce Graves - Mezzo Soprano  
Vincenzo La Scola - Tenor  
Ruggiero Raimondi - Bass

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Vivaldi - Beatus Vir  
Mozart - Laudate Dominum  
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and at tickets agencies around the country.

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

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Main table of Tel Aviv stocks with columns for Name, Price, Change, Volume, etc.

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INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Table of international stock prices for various countries like NY, London, Frankfurt, etc.

Lower rates keep market up

STOCKS jumped for a second day yesterday, after the central bank said it would cut interest rates.

Africa Israel Investments led the gains; the property developer's shares leaped 10 percent, the daily limit.

The Two-Sided Index climbed 3.64% to 179.14, while the Maof Index added 3.71% to 189.89.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 91.8 million shares traded, 22% above the month's average of NIS 75.2m.

More than six issues rose for every one that fell.

The rate cut "was appropriate," said David Rosenberg, head of research at Pacific Mediterranean Securities.

Among issues traded in Tel Aviv yesterday:

Koor Industries jumped 2.5%; Koor subsidiary Tadiran added 2.75%.

Elron soared 5.5%; American Israeli Paper Mills jumped 0.75%.

Bank Leumi jumped 6%, leading the other banks higher. First International climbed 4.75%.

Supersol moved up 3.25%. Blue Square Investments finished 3.5% higher, and Elite jumped 5.75%.

Euro bourses end mixed after nervous trading

LONDON (Reuters) - European bourses, jittery after recent volatility, ended mixed yesterday.

The dollar ended its European trading session slightly down, with traders bracing for important US data in coming days.

London, Europe's biggest bourse, barely managed to stay on positive ground at the close.

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# Histadrut to declare labor dispute

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Histadrut is to declare a nationwide labor dispute on Thursday as a prelude to a general strike, in workplaces whose workers are, according to the labor federation, under government threat of privatization, dismissal, and infringement of wage agreements.

Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz claimed at a gathering of the large workers' unions yesterday that in addition to the economic measures proposed so far, the government intends to impose taxes on the pension funds and workers' study funds.

The unions resolved to fight the government's economic program and the plan to affect the pension and study funds, "whose taxation constitutes an unequivocal violation of the collective wage agreement, and all that implies," Peretz said.

Since the last strike two weeks ago, the Histadrut says it has received considerable information on the government's intentions to privatize corporations, including ports, airports, oil refineries, hospitals, and even military units.

Union leaders updated the Histadrut on plans to separate the Haifa and Ashdod oil refineries and the ports, as the first step

toward privatization. The IDF civilian workers' union spoke of warnings from the Treasury and defense authorities that units employing mostly civilians would be privatized.

Nurses' union head Ilana Cohen said Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi informed her of his intention to privatize three state hospitals.

"This means creating one health service for the rich and another for the poor. The state hospitals now have large deficits because the National Health Insurance Law cannot cover the costs. Once some hospitals are privatized, the rich will get good medical services, while the poor will have to go to the state hospitals, which will not be able to provide adequate treatment," she said.

Peretz and the unions decided, after facing legal actions against the warning strike earlier this month, to plan their moves carefully and declare a nationwide labor dispute first.

On Thursday, the Histadrut's coordination and implementation committee is due to approve a long list of labor disputes, which will enable the unions to take action in response to any moves by the government.



Catie McArton (right), of Winnipeg, Canada, teaches campers in Gan Yavne how to play hockey. McArton is one of over 500 English-speaking counselors that the Education Ministry, Jewish Agency, and Israel Association of Community Centers brought here this summer to work at camps around the country. (Debbie Taylor-Zimelman)

### WEATHER

Colin 20-30  
Haifa 23-31  
Tiberias 24-33  
Afula 29-33  
Samaria 21-31  
Tel Aviv 24-30  
Jerusalem 21-30  
Beer Sheva 23-34  
Dead Sea 30-39  
Eilat 28-41

Forecast: Slightly cooler.

### AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	C	F	C	F	Cloudy
Amsterdam	12	14	13	55	57	55	cloudy
Buenos Aires	18	23	20	64	73	68	clear
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## Traffic supervisor to High Court: Close Rehov Bar-Ilan during prayer hours

CLOSING Rehov Bar-Ilan during prayer times represents an appropriate compromise between the conflicting interests of the religious and secular communities, Supervisor of Traffic Alex Langer told the High Court of Justice yesterday.

Langer's affidavit was submitted in response to three petitions against the partial closure, by MKs Ophir Pines (Labor) and Yossi Sarid (Meretz) and Labor activist Lior Horev. The court has already issued a show-cause order on the petitions.

Langer told the court that he decided to close Rehov Bar-Ilan during prayer times - 2 1/2 hours Friday night, four hours Saturday morning and 3 1/2 hours Saturday evening - for four months, during which time the closure's effects will be studied.

This decision is possible, he said, because traffic on Bar-Ilan is very light on Shabbat anyway. According to the Sturm Committee, set up by the Jerusalem Municipality to study the issue, Shabbat traffic on Bar-Ilan is only about 12 percent of what it is on weekdays.

Furthermore, he said, reasonable alternative routes exist to and from all places in the city. Bypassing the closed section of the road would require traveling only an extra 1.5 kilometers and add a mere two minutes to the travel time, he said.

Langer said that when he originally told the city of Jerusalem, in 1994, that a partial closure of Bar-Ilan was "inconceivable," he was thinking purely in terms of traffic considerations, while ignoring all other considerations.

**EVELYN GORDON**

However, he said, both Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy and President Ezer Weizman made him aware that the injury his decision had caused to the religious sensibilities of the haredim - who constitute more than 90% of the area's inhabitants - was extremely deep.

The ministry's legal adviser, he added, told him this was a factor he was allowed to take into account.

"I went and reconsidered my previous position... [and I thought]: Is the decision not to close Rehov Bar-Ilan really the only acceptable decision?" he wrote.

He concluded that a partial closure, for a four-month trial period,

would represent the proper balance between the haredim's desire for total closure and the secular desire for no closure at all, he said.

Langer said this decision does not violate the right to freedom of movement any more than a one-way street does: Drivers can reach the places they want, but not by a particular route.

He recommended closing the street for longer on Friday and Saturday nights than did the Sturm Committee, he added, because he thought it would be better to have fixed times for the closure, rather than having the times change each week according to when Shabbat begins and ends. He therefore set the times to encompass the earliest and the latest Shabbats within the four-month trial period.

Langer also rejected the petitioners' charge that the decision was made without consulting either secular representatives or Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. Olmert's position was known, he said, as the mayor had already

approved the Sturm Committee recommendations, and the positions of the secular activists were also known through their testimony to the Sturm Committee. None of the arguments raised in the petition, he said, were in any way new to him.

Meanwhile, a haredi association filed its own petition to the High Court yesterday, demanding that the road be closed for all of Shabbat, rather than only during prayer times.

The petition, filed by the Association for the Preservation of the Rights of the Religious and Haredi Community in Israel, argued that since almost the entire population of Rehov Bar-Ilan is haredi, and relatively few secular people use the road on Shabbat, leaving the road open causes great damage to the many in order to avoid minor inconvenience to the few.

Attorney Gershon Holtzer, who filed the petition, noted that there are precedents for closing other "major arteries" on Shabbat, such as Rehov Dizengoff in Tel Aviv.

## Postal Authority destroyed Likud flyers

THE Postal Authority destroyed at least 100,000 Likud campaign flyers, though the action was not politically motivated, but simply the result of managerial errors, a committee reported to Communications Minister Limor Livnat yesterday.

Livnat appointed the committee last week following an article by *Ma'ariv* investigative reporter Ronel Fisher on the topic.

Livnat presented the committee's conclusions to Postal Authority Chairman Amos Mar-Haim yesterday morning.

The committee's findings upheld Fisher's report that the unaddressed flyers, which the Postal Authority was to put into mailboxes before the elections, were never delivered.

Livnat noted that Postal Authority Director-General Ramon Levan had been uncooperative during the investigation and that "it is unacceptable to me that an organization suspected of mismanagement organizes an independent investigation and uses a polygraph to frighten its managers."

She expressed her faith in the postal workers, saying the incident will not harm the authority. Livnat also praised the committee for its quick work. (TUM)

## Winning cards

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, jack of hearts, jack of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

## Ethiopian immigrants slam Navon Committee

**LIAT COLLINS**

IN a stormy and emotional meeting of the Knesset's Immigration and Absorption Committee yesterday, representatives of the Ethiopian immigrant community told MKs of their disappointment with the results of the commission of inquiry led by former president Yitzhak Navon into the Magen David Adom blood bank affair.

MK Adisar Massala (Labor) and other immigrants said they felt their blood was still being spilled and called again for the resignation of MDA blood services director Amnon Ben-David.

The committee heard some of the recommendations of the Navon Committee but postponed a decision on adopting them until the members had time to study the report in depth. The only recommendation praised by both sides was the decision that blood donors would be told on an individual basis whether their blood could be used. Until now, there has been a blanket refusal to use blood donated by Ethiopian immigrants, unless it was of a very rare type.

Dr. Eilat Shenthar, a blood bank official, said some of the recommendations are impractical. The health ministry officials said the Navon Committee had not understood the degree of risk posed by the high incidence of AIDS among the newcomers.

The immigrants said they were being singled out and had suffered as a result of the affair. The immigrant representatives spoke of kindergarten teachers refusing to treat scrapes and scratches and the fears that wounded soldiers would not be treated.

Committee chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) called on the authorities to allow for greater involvement by the community in deciding on issues affecting it, to which a Health Ministry official said: "They have to learn first."

The official was later forced to apologize after Massala and others accused him of being patronizing to the Ethiopian immigrants.

Navon called for more information campaigns in Amharic. Health Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said he is still studying the report.

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## MK Poraz stands up for rottweiler dogs

MK Avraham Poraz (Meretz) has asked Interior Minister Eli Shussan not to endorse a bylaw of the Ramat Hasharon Municipality, which bans local residents from owning rottweiler dogs.

Poraz said the law is unenforceable because of the numbers of mixed breed or non-pedigree rottweilers that would not be covered by the bylaw. He also protested the singling out of a particular breed.

"There's no such thing as bad dogs; there are bad owners," Poraz said. (Liat Collins)

אברהם פורז